Vacancies at ICAR Manipur

904. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of vacancies of the Indian Council of Agriculture and Research Centre at Manipur;

(b) why the vacant posts are not filled up in time and whether Government are aware of the facts that the Centre has not functioned properly; and

(c) state the current programme of the Centre and its achievements?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) In ICAR Manipur Centre the vacancy positions in various categories is as under:—

Category	Sanctioned	Filled	Vacancies
Scientific	19	10	9
Technical	39	38	1
Administrative	13	8	5
Supporting	13	13	nil

(b) Filling up of the vacant posts is a continuous process. During the year 1999 the Council has allocated 14 Senior Scientists and 11 Scientists to ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region, Barapani for deployment at the various centres, including Manipur Centre. The Centre is thus functioning properly.

(c) The required information is enclosed in statement.

Statement

Programmes	Achievements
I. Varietal trials on rice and oilseed crops	MC-16-30-11-8 gave highest yield of 4.27 t/ha and found suitable for pre-kharif, short duration and cold tolerant. MC-17-50-7 yielded 7.13 t/ha suitable for blast resistance and sticky in cooking. Three rice varieties viz., RCH-9, RCH-10 and REH-11 are ready for release.
	M-27 and vardan varieties of rapeseed and mustard are promising better performance under rainfed upland foot hill conditions. Trials on soybean and groundnut are also being taken up.
II. Integrated nutrient management	The lime application has given better response was noticed in soybean and groundnut. Application of management Polythene mulch in groundnut showed better soil moisture conservation and temperature balance capacity in the soil. This practice has a great promise for adoption in the state.
III. Fruit and vegetable	Varietal trials on guava and mango have been taken up. L-49 variety of guava has been identified more promising.
IV. Agroforestry	15 Provenances of Parkia roxburghii are being evaluated. Various Horti-silvi-pastoral, Agrihorti-pastoral and Silvi-horticultural systems have been identified. Parkia roxburghii has been identified as promising NPTS for agroforestry system.

Programmes	Achievements
V. Animals including fish and rabbit	Based on the technology developed on the rabbit production, rabbit farming is becoming popular for meat and fur which in turn generates employment avenues for educated unemployed youth. The Black Quarter disease of cattle was controlled with an effective vaccine developed by the institute and about five lakh dosage were supplied to Manipur State. A number of trials on nutritional studies, non-conventional ingradients in pelleted feeds for cultivable fishes, feed utilization and growth of grass carp are also being taken up for in depth study.

Target for Production of Foodgrains

905. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the target for production of foodgrains during the next five years; and

(b) whether Government plan to allow holding of thousands of acres of land to bring under corporate production of foodgrains in the interest of the consumers to produce at competitive cost in relation to the World production costs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) Year-wise targets for production of foodgrains are not fixed. However, Planning Commission has suggested foodgrain production target of 234 million tonnes by the end of 9th Five Year Plan (2001-2002).

(b) No such proposal is under consideration of the Government.